

REMARKS

The present Amendment responds to the non-final Office Action mailed September 26, 2006 (“Office Action”) in the captioned application. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 14-24, 26-28, 30, 31, and 34-38 are pending and stand rejected. Independent Claims 1 and 22 are presently amended. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and the Examiner’s reconsideration of the rejections in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Support for the amendments is found throughout the specification, for example, at page 13, lines 8-12, and Figure 5 and in the claims as filed. Accordingly, the amendments do not introduce subject matter that is unsupported by the specification as filed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 14-24, 26-28, 30, 31, and 34-38 stand rejected under § 103 as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,729,797 B2 (“Manger”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,544,974 (“Berg I”), U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0084276 A1 (“Berg II”), and U.S. Patent No. 6,886,388 B1 (“McGill”). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

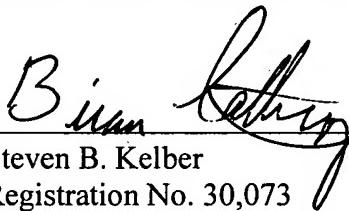
The independent claims presently recite that the reservoir has a vent hole that provides communication of ambient air to the top of the reservoir and the interstitial space. This feature of the claimed invention is neither taught nor suggested in Manger or the other cited references; accordingly, the present rejection now may be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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